



# Focal Point

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## In command

### *Emergency Operations Center improves crisis communications*

Clay Carpenter, Frisco Firefighter/Paramedic, monitors weather radar from the City of Frisco's new Emergency Operations Center, located inside Frisco Central Fire Station.



When severe weather threatens the skies over North Texas, Frisco Firefighters are monitoring the situation from a new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) featuring large, multiple video screens displaying 14 different information sources including everything from weather radar to local news stations.

"It gives us extra eyes and compliments our efforts to help keep you safe," Chief Mack Borchardt, Frisco Fire Department, said. "It gives us the ability to watch multiple sources of information, including local and national news and weather reports. We can also monitor radar and the National Weather Service

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## A busy spring with important issues

We had an excellent Town Hall Meeting on March 5 with about 200 people in attendance to hear presentations on internet safety, drug education and the many programs our city has developed to help provide clean air and reduce the amount of energy needed to run our households. Attendees also heard how we have one of the most effective recycling programs in the country and how our volume, per recycle cart, has almost tripled since we increased the size of our carts. Since 2003 we have had a 37% increase in the number of homes serviced by our trash company but the increase in tons of trash has been only 1.7%. This has resulted in more than



### Mayor's Message

Mike Simpson

\$1.1 million savings to our city in reduced landfill charges.

I received many compliments on the internet safety programs that were presented by our guest speaker, Mayor David Wallace of Sugar Land, and on the

drug education program presented by Officer Tom Attaway of our Frisco Police Department. You will see more information on these programs as we present these programs at city and school meetings. I hope to see even more attendees at our future Town Hall meetings.

### A Great Opportunity for Frisco

Spring brings lots of fun and exciting sports events taking place in Frisco's first class sports venues, all of which are just a few minutes away from our Frisco families.

Between the FC Dallas MLS soccer games and other events at Pizza Hut Park, there will be 20 national or interna-

tional matches telecast. On Thursday, April 26 there will be a nationally televised game on ESPN2 between FC Dallas and the New York Red Bulls. This game will feature the City of Frisco and will also be a fund raiser for the Frisco Education Foundation (FEF). We hope that this game will be a sell-out for many reasons. Not only will it show the country just who Frisco is, it will show them we support our sports teams and we will generate thousands of dollars to be used to provide college scholarships to deserving high school seniors.

The City of Frisco, the Frisco Chamber of Commerce, the Frisco

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## City of Frisco JOB Opportunities

Please visit our website at [www.FriscoTexas.gov](http://www.FriscoTexas.gov) for a full listing of current openings. Application procedures are listed below.

All Positions Subject to  
Close without Notice

Mail Resume/Application to:  
City of Frisco  
Human Resources  
6101 Frisco Square Blvd  
Frisco, TX 75034

**JOB LINE:**  
(972) 292-JOBS

**FAX:**  
(972) 292-5229

**EMAIL:**  
[employment@friscotexas.gov](mailto:employment@friscotexas.gov)  
[www.FriscoTexas.gov](http://www.FriscoTexas.gov)

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## EOC

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in real time.”

The high-tech, in-house facility is inside the new Frisco Central Fire Station, at the intersection of Main Street and Gary Burns Drive. The EOC is surrounded by reinforced, concrete walls and equipped with 32 computers. A \$250,000 grant from Homeland Security paid to outfit the EOC.

In the event severe weather — or any other incident — results in an emergency, city leaders and key staff will converge in the EOC custom made for crisis management.

“In the past, we used a training room when we activated our emergency operations plan,” Deputy Chief Paul Siebert said. “This new facility gives us the ability to put senior level decision-makers in one place and provide them real-time information so they can make informed decisions.”

Chief Borchardt says the EOC improves firefighters’ communication with HAM radio operators and “storm chasers.” The facility has teleconference abilities, which enhance the City of Frisco’s ability to communicate with county, state, and federal authorities in an emergency. Eventually, the EOC will also be wired to display the viewpoints from various traffic cameras located throughout the city.

The video screens can also display the same screens 9-1-1 operators use when dispatching calls. This allows those working in the EOC to monitor the status of the city’s equipment from both the fire and police departments.

“It helps us keep up with our resources and know exactly where our engines and other vehicles are at any one time,” Chief Borchardt said. “Of course, we always monitored these areas, but we haven’t been able to do this from one room and assemble a large team because we just didn’t have the space or equipment. Ultimately, this EOC helps us provide better service to our citizens and that’s what we’re here for.”

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Independent School District, and FC Dallas are partnering to make this game a “sold out” event. A portion of every ticket sold for this game (outside of season tickets) will be given to the FEF. Watch for additional information from all of the partners through press releases, e-mail notification and printed material.

With the opening of the Frisco RoughRiders’ fifth season, there will be new activities and entertainment at the Dr Pepper Ball Park that will make for an exciting season. The Frisco Thunder indoor football team, part of the Intense Football League, will play its first home game on May 13 at Deja Blue Arena and our Texas Tornado Jr. A Hockey team will be in the middle of playoffs starting in April, seeking a fourth straight National Championship.

### S.H. 121 Update

If you have been reading the newspapers and watching and listening to the news media, you know that TxDOT has awarded the contract to Cintra, of Spain, for a Comprehensive Development Agreement — commonly referred to as a CDA — to build and operate S.H. 121 in Denton and Collin counties. The award is subject to final approval of the Environmental Assessment for the Collin County portion and would provide upfront concession payments of \$2.1 billion, \$700 million dollars in payments over 49 years and \$ 1.7 billion in operation and maintenance. In addition, Cintra pays for the construction of S.H. 121 from Hillcrest to U.S. 75 and the two interchanges at S.H. 121/U.S.75 and S.H. 121/Dallas North

Tollway. Numerous articles have been written about how much Cintra will earn over the term of the contract versus what it will pay up front and over time to the counties and cities in the region. Frisco has been opposed to having a foreign company building and operating S.H. 121. We have consistently questioned the value of the excess payments over time versus what will be paid up front. We have also been concerned about the toll rate, escalation policy and allocation of excess funds when available.

On Monday, February 26, TxDOT held a public hearing to hear concerns from residents, cities and counties on the Environmental Assessment of the Collin County portion. City Manager George Purefoy, Cissy Sylo, Director of Engineering Services and I attended and Frisco has submitted a list of questions and concerns. We are now awaiting a response from TxDOT. In addition, the state legislators are contemplating bills in the Senate and the House that would put a moratorium on CDAs for two years while this concept is further studied. The North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) has also been asked by Senator John Carona to provide input on what the NTTAs revenue and cost numbers would be if it had the agreement on S.H. 121. Preliminary numbers from the NTTA indicate greater revenues provided to the cities and counties than Cintra, but must be further verified.

We have held more public hearings and discussion meetings on S.H. 121 than any city and have been working to resolve the S.H. 121 situation for more than three

years. Many state legislators are now concerned the CDA on S.H. 121 may be the only one built in Texas depending on where this whole program goes.

We will continue to fight for what we think is best for our citizens and for the entire region.

### Upcoming Elections:

This May, our Mayor Pro-tem, Maher Maso and Deputy Mayor Pro-tem, Bob Allen will come to the end of their terms. Our City Charter has a six year limit on consecutive years served. Both Maher and Bob have done an excellent job on Council and in many other areas of service through organizations in our city. There are six new candidates, specifically three competing for each position, who are running for these vacancies. Our citizens need to take an active roll in speaking to all these candidates, attending ‘meet the candidate’ nights and then ultimately voting for the candidate of your choice. Frisco usually has as good a turnout as any city, but historically the turnout of voters is very low compared to the percentage of those registered. We have a right in this country to vote, yet relatively few exercise this right that many people around the world would love to have. Frisco is a great city and we are dedicated to keeping it that way!

Sincerely,  
Mike Simpson  
Mayor

## Early voting for May 12 General Election to begin April 30

Early voting for the City of Frisco May 12 general election begins Monday, April 30, and continues through Tuesday, May 8.

Early voting hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Extended early voting hours will be offered on May 3, from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., and on May 7 and 8, from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Voters may cast early ballots at Frisco Fire Station No. 4, 4485 Cotton Gin; Preston Ridge Campus, Collin County Community College, 9700 Wade Blvd.; and the Collin County Elections Office, 2010 Red Bud Blvd., Suite 102, in McKinney.

The General Election will be held Saturday, May 12, from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. In an effort to provide convenience and encourage higher voter turnout, the City of Frisco will continue to offer three polling locations. Election day polling locations are as follows:

**Frisco Precinct 1 — Denton County Precincts 117 and 131**  
Pioneer Heritage Middle School  
1649 High Shoals  
Frisco, Texas 75034

**Frisco Precinct 2 — Collin County Precincts 30, 92, 109, 111 and 116**  
Staley Middle School  
6927 Stadium Lane  
Frisco, Texas 7034

**Frisco Precinct 3 — Collin County Precincts 14, 38, 87, 89, 101, 117, 118, 126, 127, 134, 135 and 146**  
West Middle School  
12293 Shepherd Hills  
Frisco, Texas 75035

On Election Day, voters must cast ballots at their designated polling place, determined by County Precinct. Voters are encouraged to bring their voter registration cards and/or any other form of identification.

Two seats on the Frisco City Council — Places 2 and 4 — are open. All positions on the Frisco City Council are “at large” positions.

For additional information, please contact the Office of the City Secretary at 972-292-5010 or e-mail at [Nparker@frisco-texas.gov](mailto:Nparker@frisco-texas.gov). You can also contact Collin County Elections Administrator at (972) 547-1990 or via the Web at <http://www.co.collin.tx.us/elections/voterregistration/index.jsp>

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# Free 'Crime Prevention through Environmental Design' Assessments and Security Surveys Offered by Frisco Police

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Did you know the Frisco Police Department offers two, free services designed to reduce the risk of your home or businesses being a target for theft?

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessments and home/business security surveys are available to Frisco homeowners and those operating businesses within the City of Frisco. While the services provide no guarantees against theft, if you abide by the recommendations made by officers following an assessment you may reduce your risk of being burglarized.

If your home is inspected and meets the below requirements, you may be eligible to receive a discount on your homeowner's insurance premiums (up to 20%).

Check with your insurance agent to see if your carrier offers this discount to you for meeting these requirements.

## TEXAS INSURANCE CODE, REDUCTION IN HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Chapter 5, Texas Insurance Code, amended Article 5.33A

In order to qualify for a 5% reduction on your Homeowner's Insurance Premium your home must meet the following requirements:

- Exterior doors are solid core doors that are 1-3/8 inches thick and are secured by dead-bolt locks. Dead-bolt locks must lock with a minimum bolt throw of one inch that penetrates a metal strike plate. If the door secured by the dead-bolt lock has breakable glass within 40 inches of the lock, the lock must be key-operated from both sides unless prohibited by life safety codes (per City of Frisco fire code, at least one exterior door must have a single cylinder dead-bolt). Metal doors are secured by dead-bolt locks as described as above.
- Double doors meet the specifications for exterior doors as listed above.

Double doors must also have the inactive door secured by header and threshold bolts that penetrate metal strike plates. In cases where glass is located within 40 inches of the header and threshold bolts, double doors must have the bolts flush-mounted in the edge of the door.

- Sliding glass doors are secured by secondary locking devices to prevent lifting and prying.
- Dutch doors have concealed flush-bolt locking devices to interlock upper and lower halves and are secured by a dead-bolt lock, as described above.
- Garage doors are equipped with key-operated locking devices.
- Windows are secured by auxiliary locking devices. An auxiliary locking device required by this section must include at least one of the following items: wooden dowels, pinning devices, and key-operated locks. In areas in which life safety codes permit, metal bars or grating, if mounted to prevent easy removal, may be substituted

for auxiliary locking devices. Jalousie or louvered windows do not meet the specifications of this section unless the windows have metal grating mounted, as provided for above.

## TEXAS INSURANCE CODE, REDUCTION IN HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Chapter 5, Texas Insurance Code, amended Article 5.33A

The following requirements must be met to qualify for a 15% reduction in your homeowner's insurance premium:

- All exterior structure openings are 'contacted' and/or wired with an alarm sensor. Openings include all doors and windows that were designed to be opened, including upstairs. NOTE: Garage doors are not required to be 'contacted' if the interior door leading from the home into the garage is 'contacted'.
- The alarm system includes a siren audible from inside and outside the residence.
- This requirement must be

met by obtaining a letter from the alarm company. The letter must be an original on the alarm company letterhead and signed by a representative of the company. The letter must be addressed to the insured with the correct address of the residence.

The letter must state: *All alarm equipment is Underwriters Laboratory Approved and the alarm is monitored by an Underwriters Laboratory Approved central station. The sales, service, installation and monitoring of the system are done in compliance with the private investigations and Private Security Agencies Act (Article 4413-29bb Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes.)*

These requirements, along with the described letter from your alarm company, must be met prior to an officer coming to your residence. The officer will retain the original copy of the letter. It is recommended you make a copy for your personal records.

# Severe weather can develop quickly in North Texas

Severe weather is possible throughout the year in North Texas; however, the likelihood for violent weather, including severe thunderstorms accompanied by lightning, hail, high winds, flash flooding, and tornadoes, increases significantly during the spring and summer. The regional National Weather Service (NWS) office, located in Fort Worth, is responsible for issuing thunderstorm and tornado watches and warnings for Frisco and surrounding areas of North Texas.

• **Watch** — A thunderstorm or tornado watch is issued for a specified area and time frame whenever atmospheric conditions are such, or are forecasted to be such, that thunderstorms and/or tornadoes may develop. A watch simply means you should "watch the sky" for developing weather and stay tuned to local television or radio stations for further information.

• **Warning** — A thunderstorm or tornado warning means a thunderstorm or tornado has actually been sighted or has been indicated on NWS weather radar. A warning means people in the affected area should take cover immediately and remain there until the threat has passed. Again, local television and radio stations are good sources of information regarding severe weather warnings.

Severe weather can develop quickly, and with little or no warning. Always consider weather conditions and forecasts when planning outdoor activities, and take immediate cover when severe weather threatens.

The City of Frisco operates an **Outdoor Warning Siren System** designed to notify residents of hazardous situations such as impending severe weather. Frisco currently operates 24 sirens located strategically throughout the city. The sirens are capable of being activated simultaneously to provide a generalized warning for the entire community, or initiated individually to provide more localized alerts. Personnel at Central Fire Station, the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center at the Frisco Police Department, as well as personnel assigned to certain Fire Department apparatus may activate the system as needed.

In the event of a significant threat such as a tornado in Frisco, the sirens will emit a wailing tone that will last for three minutes. Further information and directions to take cover will be broadcast through the sirens' public address system following the wailing tone. Remember to take cover immediately upon hearing the sirens. It is important to remember that our sirens are designed to be heard outdoors; therefore you may not hear them while indoors.

Once inside, tune your TV or radio to a station that provides emergency information during severe weather.

The Outdoor Warning Siren System is silently tested every day and is audibly tested at noon on the first Wednesday of each month, weather permitting. The monthly audible test lasts for one minute and is followed by an announcement over the public address system stating that a test of the system has been conducted.

**When severe weather strikes**, seek shelter in an interior room on the lowest floor of the home, such as a bathroom, closet, or other room without windows. If you are in an office building, school, shopping center, etc, go to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor or to the designated shelter area. Avoid areas near exterior glass or doors, areas along exterior walls, or rooms with wide-expanse roofs like gyms, auditoriums, and cafeterias.

Leave mobile homes and vehicles immediately and take shelter in a nearby building. If no building is nearby, lie flat in a ditch or ravine. Never try to outrun a tornado in a vehicle.

Monitor radio or television reports for weather updates and be prepared for power outages in the area.

# Monthly Project Update

## 1. CR 712 (Frisco St - North County)

Scope: Complete four-lane roadway (Frisco St - RR Crossing) and two-lane roadway (RR Crossing - North County) Est. completion of design is July 2007.

## 2. DNT Phase 3 Section XI-N

Scope: Construction of main lanes of the DNT from Gaylord Parkway to Platinum Parkway. Estimated completion of construction is September 2007.

## 3. DNT Phase 3 Section XII-N

Scope: Construction of main lanes of the DNT from north of Eldorado Parkway to U.S. 380. Project also includes construction of the southbound service roads from Eldorado Parkway to U.S. 380. Estimated completion of construction is September 2007.

## 4. DNT Phase 3 Section XII-S

Scope: Construction of main lanes of the DNT from Platinum Parkway to north of Eldorado Parkway. Project also includes construction of the southbound service roads from Main Street to Eldorado Parkway. Estimated completion of construction is September 2007.

## 5. Eldorado Pkwy (DNT - Preston)

Scope: Construct the northern two lanes of Eldorado Parkway from the DNT to Preston Road (S.H. 289). This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six lane divided roadway and includes three lanes of the overpass at the BNSF Railroad. Landscaping, irrigation, and street lighting are included in this project. Estimated completion of design is June 2007.

## 6. FM 2934/Eldorado Pkwy (DNT - F.M. 423)

Scope: Construct the northern three lanes and the southern three lanes of F.M. 2934 (Eldorado Parkway) from the DNT to F.M. 423, which will replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway. This will complete six lanes of an ultimate six lane divided roadway.

## 7. FM 3537 Improvements(Custer-Preston)

Scope: Construct six-lane divided roadway from F.M. 2478 (Custer Road) to S.H. 289 (Preston Road), which will replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway. Estimated completion of design is December 2007.

## 8. FM 423 Improvements

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with six-lane divided concrete roadway with curb and gutter.

## 9. F.M. 423 Improvements (U.S. 380-Eldorado Pkwy.)

Scope: Replace two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane divided roadway. Estimated completion of design is July 2007.

## 10. Independence Parkway (S.H. 121 - Main)

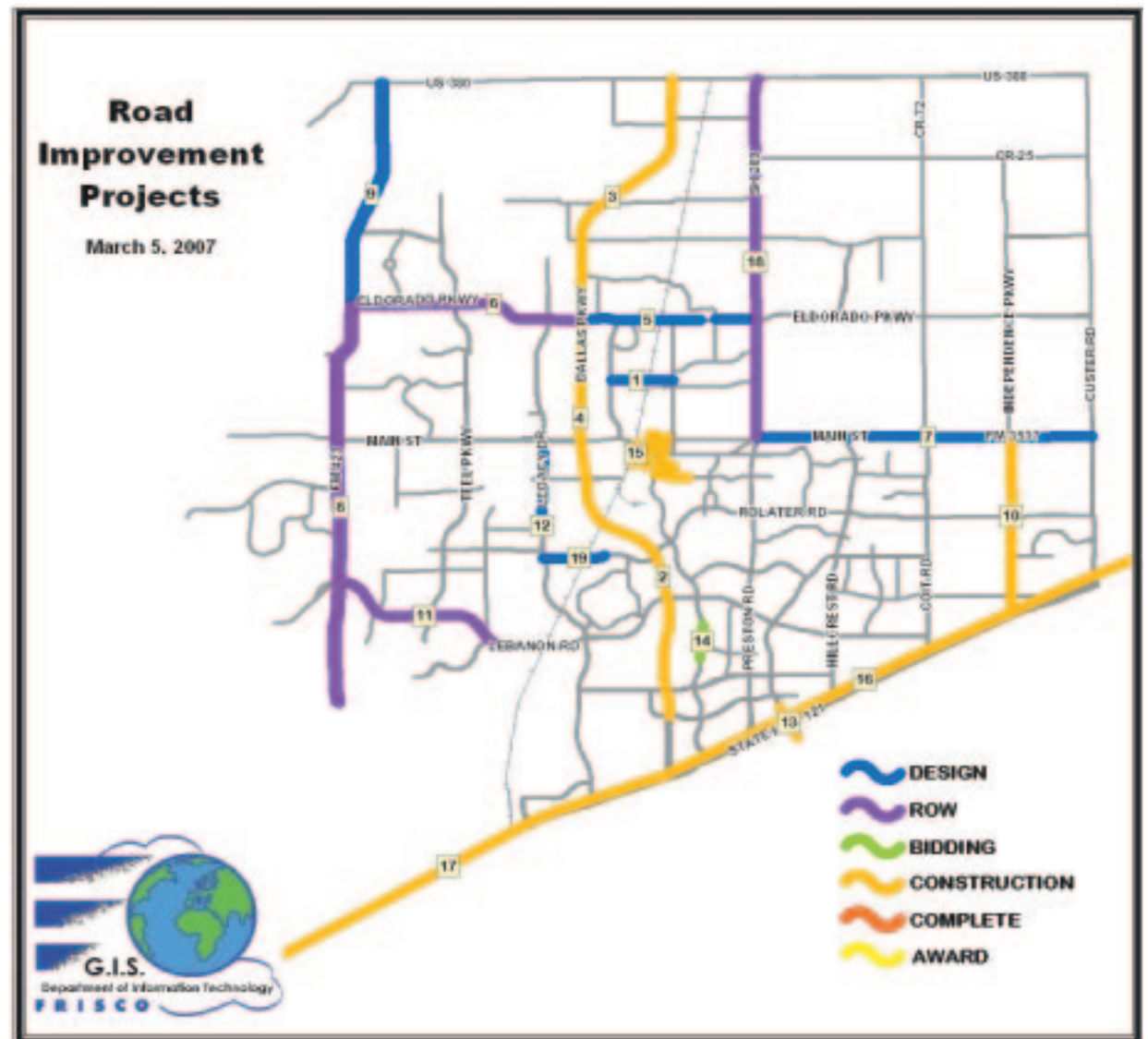
Scope: Construct the western two lanes of Independence Parkway from S.H. 121 to Rolater and four lanes from Rolater to Main Street. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway. Estimated completion of construction is February 2008.

## 11. Lebanon (Village - F.M. 423)

Scope: Construct the southern two lanes of Lebanon Road from Village to F.M. 423 including a three-lane bridge at Stewart Creek. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway.

## 12. Legacy Drive (Citation - Main)

Scope: Construct the eastern three lanes of Legacy



Drive from Citation to Main Street. This will provide a six-lane roadway in this section. Landscaping, irrigation, and street lighting are included in this project. Estimated completion of design is April 2007.

## 13. Ohio Overpass (SH 121)

Scope: Ohio Drive Overpass at S.H. 121 Estimated completion of construction is November 2007.

## 14. Parkwood Drive (Lebanon - Warren)

Scope: Construction of the two western (southbound) lanes of Parkwood Drive (Lebanon Road to Warren Parkway) including street lighting.

## 15. Selected Old Town Streets

Scope: Reconstruction of the following streets to concrete curb and gutter:

- First Street (West Main south to Ash)
- Third (Oak north to Maple)
- Third (Main south to Ash)
- Fourth (Main north to Maple)
- Sixth (Maple south to Hickory)
- Pecan (Fifth to Seventh)
- Hickory (Fifth to Courtyard Dr.)

Estimated completion of construction is July 2008.

## 16. S.H. 121 Freeway DNT to U.S. 75

Scope: Construct main lanes on S.H. 121 from DNT

to U.S. 75. Estimated completion of construction is July 2007.

## 17. S.H. 121 Freeway FM 544 to DNT

Scope: Construct six main lanes and six lanes of frontage roads from F.M. 544 to DNT. Estimated completion of construction is December 2007.

## 18. S.H. 289/Preston Rd (Main - U.S. 380)

Scope: Construct a six-lane divided roadway from U.S. 380 to Main Street, which will replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway. This project will be bid by TxDOT, which will pay for four lanes. The City of Frisco will pay for the construction of the two additional lanes. Two million dollars of the City of Frisco's \$4.5 million participation in this project pays for the previous construction of Preston Road south of Main Street.

## 19. Stonebrook Parkway (Legacy - Longhorn)

Scope: Construct the northern two lanes of Stonebrook Parkway from Legacy Drive to Longhorn Trail with an underpass at the BNSF Railroad and a bridge at Stewart Creek. This will complete two lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway and includes three lanes of the bridge. The bridge will be used for one lane in each direction until the southern lanes are constructed. Estimated completion of design is September 2007.



Nearly 45,000 eggs dotted Warren Sports Complex at the annual Easter Eggstravaganza hosted by the Frisco Parks and Recreation Department on March 24.

# EASTER eggstravaganza

Children, toddler age through 12-year-old stake their claim to candied eggs during the largest hunt ever at Warren Sports Complex.



Peter Cottontail greeted guests at the annual Easter Eggstravaganza sponsored by Parks and Recreation.



Dressed in spring finery, including a bonnet bedecked in boas and baubles, a young girl heads out for the Easter Bonnet and Tie Decorating contest.



A petting zoo, including baby chicks, was a new feature at this year's Easter Eggstravaganza.



Girls pose before the judges during the Easter Bonnet & Tie Decorating contest – a real competition of creativity!



The City of Frisco's Parks and Recreation Department sponsored demonstrations and offered information about many of its recreation leagues, classes and programs, including martial arts.



A winner at the cupcake walk enjoys her prize!



The spring festival featured games and crafts, including a place to make and decorate paper bonnets.

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## Writers' Block presents the Professor's Corner at the Frisco Public Library

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The Frisco Public Library is teaming with The Writer's Garret to host a new discussion series entitled *Writers' Block presents the Professor's Corner at the Frisco Public Library*. This series will bring in local English professors to present and lead discussions. The Professor's Corner series will provide the general public with an exciting opportunity to participate in high quality discussions of various literary works, and is completely free to all those who wish to attend.

The Writer's Garret, the only full-service literary center in North Texas, is devoted to creating a literary community where writers and the reading public can interact and thrive. It offers live readings, writing classes and workshops, educational programs, discussions, panels, salons, forums, and other special events, all with the aim of cultivating educated readers and audiences, developing writers and bringing literary work into the mainstream. As one of The Writer's Garret's programs, Writers' Block provides the opportunity for the general public to participate in free forums focused on discussing literary topics. The Professor's Corner at the Frisco Public Library series will feature four professors throughout the late spring and summer. In the month of April, Dr. Jill Havens will present a discussion entitled "Hero Myths and Harry Potter," which promises to tantalize those readers who simply cannot wait until the final Harry Potter book is released later this summer. The entire Professor's Corner schedule for the summer of 2007 is as follows.

**Thursday, April 26 at 7 p.m.**

**Dr. Jill Havens**

**"Hero Myths and Harry Potter"**

Dr. Havens is a professor of English at Texas Christian University and specializes in Anglo-Saxon and medieval literature and culture, modern medievalism and paleography.

**Thursday, May 24 at 7 p.m.**

**Dr. AnaLouise Keating**

**"Gloria Anzaldúa's Poetry & Prose"**

Dr. Keating is a professor of Women's Studies at Texas Woman's University and specializes in women's studies, feminist theories, multicultural literature and theories and the work of Gloria Anzaldúa.

**Thursday, June 28 at 7 p.m.**

**Professor Haj Ross**

**"Poetry as a Path: Five Poems by William Stafford"**

Dr. Ross is a professor of English at the University of North Texas and specializes in poetics, linguistic analysis of literature, syntax and semantics.

**Thursday, July 26 at 7 pm**

**Dr. Rachel Yeatts**

**"Frank McCourt's Teacher Man" (memoir)**

Dr. Yeatts is a professor of English at the University of North Texas.

The staff at the Frisco Public Library is excited to offer this new program series to you. We hope you will enjoy the opportunity to participate in these exciting and enlightening discussions. If you have any questions regarding the Professor's Corner, please call 972-292-5669 or e-mail askus@friscolibrary.com.

# KEEPING FRISCO CLEAN AND green



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### New Green Program

The City of Frisco's Green Team is now recycling large metal items. This new service accepts items such as appliances, basketball polls and hot water heaters. As part of the service, the City of Frisco will pick up the items to be recycled. Please call 972-292-5900 to schedule a pick-up. This pickup will be for the metal items only. You can also bring your metal items to the Environmental Collection Center at 6726 Walnut on Wednesdays from 2 – 7 p.m. and the first Saturday of

the month from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please call ahead if dropping off an appliance.

### 'Cat got your recycling?'

Diego Shachtman always remembers to wash out his cans before placing them in the recycle bin.

Do you have a recycling helper at home? Take a picture of your pet helping to keep Frisco "Clean and Green" and your pet could win a GREEN TEAM pet surprise package and be featured in the Focal Point. Send photos to Jstarritt@Friscotexas.gov or to Environmental Pets at 11300 Research Rd. Frisco, TX 75034.



## I Spy ... Spellers

(Left to Right) Jene Jensen and Brandi Griffin, of the Bond Bloomers, were among the nine teams competing in the 12th annual Friends of the Frisco Public Library Spelling Bee, held February 24 in the Frisco Council Chambers. Despite the Bond Bloomers best efforts, Fegary's Whimsey won the spelling competition. The fundraising event generated more than \$1,600 for Friends of the Frisco Public Library, which will use the monies to purchase materials for the International Books collection.

PHOTO BY CHRISTIE HARTWELL



# Women's Professional Golf returns to Frisco with The Power of a Dream Golf Classic

**BY MARLA ROE**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FRISCO  
CONVENTION & VISITORS  
BUREAU

Women's Professional Golf returns to The Trails of Frisco Golf Club April 10 – 15 with The Power of a Dream Golf Classic. Sponsored by the Frisco Convention & Visitors Bureau, this will be the second year for hosting the Duramed FUTURES Tour event, which is the official developmental tour of the LPGA. Come watch 144 of the best women golfers in the world compete to win this tournament, and hopefully have a chance to earn their LPGA at the end of the year. Last year's winner of the Frisco tournament, Hye Jung



Choi (pictured right) is now on the LPGA Tour. Play in one of two exciting pro ams, attend the Women's Charity Luncheon with LPGA Hall of Fame Kathy Whitworth or volunteer for the professional tournament. There are a lot of ways to get involved. The tournament proceeds benefit HomeAid/Homebuilders Care and the Camp Fire USA Lone Star Chapter. For more information, contact the Frisco CVB at 972-963-9225 or visit [www.TheDreamFuturesClassic.com](http://www.TheDreamFuturesClassic.com)



# Senior Center at the Frisco Square

**BREAKFAST WITH FRIENDS**  
**9:30AM—NOON**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 27**  
**COST: \$4**

Join us once again for a fabulous breakfast fundraiser. Fill your tummy with eggs, sausage, biscuits, gravy, and pancakes! All of the proceeds will go to the Senior Center Advisory Council. It will use the funds to purchase furniture and equipment for the Senior Center's Phase II expansion. It's a great cause, plus the food is delicious, so please come to the Center and sign up today!

**STARDUST BALL**  
**7:00—9:30PM**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 19**  
**COST: \$8**

Amidst the twinkling stars and candlelight, enjoy an evening of dancing and mingling with friends. Gary Lee and his band will provide inspiring music to have you on your feet and waltzing to the beat. Light refreshments and door prizes will add to this exciting event. Tickets will go on sale at the Senior Center at Frisco Square on April 1. Only 125 tickets will be available. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door the night of the dance. Attire is dressy casual/after 5. For more information, call the Center at 972-335-5515.

**SENIOR STRENGTH  
AEROBICS**  
**8:15—9AM**  
**TU/TH, APRIL 3--26**  
**COST: \$45/MONTH**

Enjoy this new addition to our calendar taught by Aileen Brady, a Certified Aerobics Instructor! Class begins with an active warm-up and stretch, followed by 20-25 minutes of gentle, low-impact aerobics, then a cool down, standing leg work, with the rest of the class designated for upper body work and abdominals while sitting in the chair. We will finish with another good stretch. Sign up early to make sure the class meets its minimum of nine students.

**GRANBURY RIVERBOAT  
CRUISE & OPERA HOUSE**  
**FEE: \$80**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 24**  
**8AM—8PM**

Enjoy lunch on the fabulous Granbury Riverboat. The cruise lasts approximately two hours and offers great views from the lake. Following the luncheon cruise, we will head to historic downtown Granbury to browse the square and

watch the Granbury Opera House performance of *Dame at Sea*, a musical full of dancing and comedy. It is loosely based on the famous 42nd Street. Price includes lunch, cruise, opera ticket, and transportation by a 45-passenger motor coach. Bring some spending money for shopping around the Square. The registration deadline is Wednesday, May 2. Sign up quickly because the seats will fill up fast!

**Rockin' the Park**  
**Saturday, April 28**

The Frisco Parks and Recreation Department and the Collin County Songwriters Association are joining forces to offer the 3rd Annual Rockin' the Park on Saturday, April 28 beginning at 4 p.m. Stop by the Frisco Commons Amphitheater, 8000 McKinney Road, to enjoy live, original music. Bring a picnic, and stay for a while! All music is family-friendly and admission is free!

**For more information, visit**  
**[www.CCsongwriters.org](http://www.CCsongwriters.org)**

# Frisco's Inaugural Arbor Day 5K and 1K Seedling Run

Join the City of Frisco's Urban Forestry Board and the Parks & Recreation Department at Frisco Commons Park on Saturday, April 28, for the inaugural Arbor Day 5K and 1K Seedling Run. Frisco Commons, located at 8000 McKinney Road, is one of the crown jewels of the city's park system. The park has received several local and state awards since its completion in 2004.

The 1K Seedling Run and the 5K Race begin at the Grand Pavilion within Frisco Commons Park. The 1K Seedling Run begins at 8 a.m. and is designed for the young and young at heart. The 1K course completes one loop around the pond. All 1K Seedling Run participants receive a medal and a live seedling to take home and plant.

The 5K is a chip-timed race starting at 8:30 a.m. The 5K course winds through surrounding neighborhoods and finishes on the hike and bike trail within Frisco Commons Park. This exciting course has a variety of surfaces and lots of turns.

Join fellow competitors at the conclusion of the event for tree tours led by members of the Urban Forestry Board. Event proceeds benefit the Urban Forestry Board's mission to create resources for future forestry education. The Urban Forestry Board is dedicated to helping promote, improve, and protect the urban forest in Frisco.

Pre-registration for the run is available now through April 26. Registration is available online at [www.FriscoFun.org](http://www.FriscoFun.org) or in person at the Parks & Recreation Administration Building, located at 6726 Walnut Street, during regular business hours. For registration and information about the run, visit [www.FriscoFun.org](http://www.FriscoFun.org) or call Ashley Blanchard at 972-292-6507.

# RECREATION CLASSES

## Summer Frisco Fun Guide Available

- The Summer Frisco Fun Guide will be available online at [www.FriscoFun.org](http://www.FriscoFun.org) and for pick-up on April 9
- Mail-in registration begins April 9 and walk-in registration will begin April 28 at the Alumni Hall Fitness Center from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Frisco Fun is available for pick-up at the Alumni Hall Fitness Center, 9700 Wade Boulevard; Parks & Recreation Administration Building, 6726 Walnut; and the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, 6101 Frisco Square.
- Summer issue will feature: Learn to Swim classes; new Adult Fitness classes such as Zumba, Fitness Pi-Yo and Cardio Core; Summer camps for kids; adult and youth athletics and much more summer fun!

## Lifeguard and Learn to Swim Instructors Wanted!

Looking for a great part-time of summer job? The Parks & Recreation Department is looking for fun, enthusiastic individuals to become part of our team. We are looking for individuals to become Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors. If you're interested, visit our website at [www.FriscoFun.org](http://www.FriscoFun.org) or contact Stephanie Darimont at 972-377-1752.





# clean It & Green It!

## CITYWIDE STREET CLEAN UP

**SATURDAY APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
IKEA parking lot 7171 IKEA Drive

Registration 8:30 - 9:30 am  
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Street Clean Up 9:30 - 11:00 am  
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Advanced registration is welcome  
[www.FriscoTexas.gov](http://www.FriscoTexas.gov) or 972-292-5074  
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Large groups, small families,  
and individuals are all invited  
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Lunch provided by IKEA at 11:15 am  
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Raffle Drawing for all participants

**BREAKFAST WITH RUFUS!**  
**Saturday 28th at IKEA**  
By invitation for the volunteers  
from the school with the highest  
participation at the event.

**FUN PRIZES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS!**  
**EQUIPMENT AND MAPS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

